

CT DEEP
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Dec. 16, 2013

Dear DEEP,

At the November 21st meeting of Trout Unlimited, Hammonasset Chapter, we discussed potential changes to water quality standards. Members were united in agreeing that the current temperature limit for discharge of cooling waters is set too high, at 85 degrees F. Trout are cold water fish and Hammonasset chapter members agreed these fish are harmed by discharges that exceed 75 degrees. For protection of the state's cold water fishery, we request DEEP lower the temperature limit for discharges to 70, but certainly no greater than 75 degrees F.

Thank you for consideration of the state's cold water fisheries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary Mushinsky". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name.

Mary Mushinsky and Bill Lanzoni, members

On behalf of Hammonasset Chapter, Trout Unlimited